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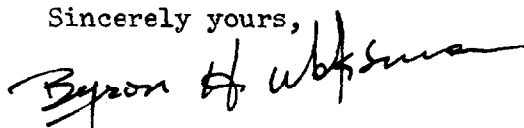
Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I am sorry not to have had longer to discuss with you the question of hypersensitivity as it relates to your scheme.

The reprints you requested were sent on November 17, 1958. I am taking the liberty of sending you also, under separate cover, the notes which I prepared this year to accompany my lectures on hypersensitivity to the medical students. You will recognize that there are many omissions and no qualifications. Please believe that I have them in mind. I suspect that the question of "afferent inhibition", i.e. the presence of antibody preventing sensitization of the delayed type by preventing dissemination of antigen, e.g. from a skin graft, to the draining nodes, is ruled out by the fact that antibody formation itself may be suppressed. This is the case in unresponsiveness to contact allergy induced by feeding allergen. However several further experiments are obviously badly needed.

I hope you may have an opportunity to visit our lab. when next you are in Boston.

Sincerely yours,



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